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MOURNING THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HAMILTON FISH OF NEW YORK

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to mourn the passing of my friend and distinguished Member of this institution, the Honorable Hamilton Fish of New York. Ham epitomized the concept of public service. He represented the 19th Congressional District of New York for 26 years. I had the pleasure of working with him for many years and came to know him for his dedication to truth and the dignity of public service. He was a true gentleman and my friend for 26 years. He left me large shoes to fill in the 19th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, this institution is often judged by its problems as a whole or by the misdeeds of a few, but seldom by the virtues of its individual Members. Hamilton Fish carried out his work with dignity and respect and represented the very best of this institution. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife MaryAnn and his family. We will miss you, Ham.

BOB DOLE NEEDS MORE THAN BRAN MUFFINS TO KEEP HIS CAMPAIGN MOVING

(Mr. SCHUMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, today's Washington Post reported that Bob Dole is the picture of physical health for a man 73 years of age, but his electoral health is another matter. No matter how physically fit Bob Dole may be at age 73, the American voter will not support tobacco for kids, choice for no one, and assault weapons for everyone, and so to restore his political health Candidate Dole has now had to flip-flop. Bob Dole said cigarettes were not addictive and now admits they are. Bob Dole's 35-year antichoice record is replaced by the protolerance candidate today.

Repealing the assault weapons ban was a top priority when Dole was in the Senate. Now he says he might veto the same bill. The flip-flops have gotten so bad his political health has reached critical.

His handlers have reportedly forbidden Bob Dole from speaking to reporters without a script. And next week, in the ultimate desperation move, Candidate Dole will unveil a pie-in-the-sky tax cut and abandon his pledge to balance the budget.

That is right, another flip-flop.

Bob Dole's physical health may be OK, but he will need a lot more than

bran muffins to get his campaign moving.

GENUINE WELFARE REFORM

(Mr. TORKILDSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Speaker, the time has come for President Clinton to show some leadership on welfare reform. If he really wants genuine welfare reform, if he really wants to end welfare as we know it, he will sign the bipartisan welfare plan when it reaches his desk.

Genuine welfare reform focuses on work, not welfare. It requires delinquent parents to make child care payments to support their children and also to relieve the taxpayers of that burden. Genuine welfare reform means no more welfare for illegal aliens and felons. Genuine welfare reform restores power and flexibility to the States, and genuine welfare reform encourages personal responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, the House has passed welfare reform, and the Senate is expected to do so today. Congress has shown the necessary leadership to pass this bill. President Clinton should do the same and sign the genuine welfare reform bill.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY TRYING TO REWRITE HISTORY

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority last night and today; we have all heard it, is trying to rewrite history. In fact we heard it again this morning where they are trying, the Republican colleague, my Republican colleague is trying to rewrite it. Their method of operation is to threaten possible libel suits against television stations that run commercials that accurately reflect what the Speaker's views on Medicare are. The logic is: "If you can't beat them, then prevent them from broadcasting."

The question is whether the Speaker of the House said Republicans planned for Medicare to "wither on the vine." After he made that famous speech last year, it was not quite clear, and yet reporters asked the Speaker's press secretary for clarification. He confirmed to a reporter that the Speaker meant the fee-for-service medicine.

Fee-for-service medicine, that is Medicare. That is not some change in interpretation a year later.

Later, in a town hall meeting in his district the Speaker said he was referring to the "fee-for-service portion of Medicare." That sounds to me like Medicare that most of the country is familiar with.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority says the Democrats and the media are lying to the American people. But

the record shows that the Speaker's words are what is getting Republicans in trouble.

WE MUST REFORM WELFARE

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, let me tell my colleagues, we all came to Washington to change how Washington works, and one of the most basic, fundamental changes we need to bring, of course, is reforming our welfare system.

Between 1965 and 1994, America's taxpayers have spent \$5.4 trillion on welfare, and what have we gotten? A failed welfare system.

Who suffers the most under welfare today? The children of our Nation.

In fact, as a result of our failed welfare programs are high rates of juvenile crime, more children living in poverty than ever before and higher rates of teenage illegitimacy.

Our current welfare system has failed.

Just last week this House passed real welfare reform, welfare reform that emphasizes work and family and responsibility. Twice now we have passed and sent to the President real welfare reform that emphasizes work and family and responsibility, and President Clinton vetoed it twice.

Well, let us send it again. Let us send real welfare reform that emphasizes work and family responsibility. Let us hope that the third time is the charm. Let us hope the President signs the bill this time. We need welfare reform.

THE REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC AGENDA

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, since President Clinton took office, the deficit has been on a steady decline, now estimated by both CBO and OMB as somewhere between \$117 billion. Congress has had a real opportunity to ease the economic burdens faced by so many American citizens.

Today the Republicans are gathering for an economic forum. That is indeed encouraging. However, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] has been quoted as stating that their idea is "to boost the growth and restore the American dream through capital gains relief." That is discouraging.

The Nation has clearly rejected policies that simply help only the rich and forget the rest.

I urge my Republican colleagues as they assemble today to consider all America, not just those who make over \$100,000 a year, but all Americans. We can help working Americans by providing tax breaks for educating our college students, by raising the minimum